

Mission Statement: *“We are a community of learners. We will do whatever it takes to learn. We are building a strong foundation by believing we can, working our plan, then feeling the power of success.”*

George Washington Academy

Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: George Washington Academy
2277 South 3000 East
St. George, Utah
Lunchroom

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; James Ure; Stacy Bowles; Brandon Russell; and Adam Lofgran arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Board Members Absent: Patrick Carroll, CFO.

Others Present: Anya Yeager, Executive Director; Jennifer McCorvey; Steve Erickson; Glenda Raschke; Jaime Catlett; Jacki Whitaker; Joni Bauer, Tiffany Schwager, Philip Ogden, and Ruth Batt.

The Board meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. following the work session.

Board President Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Shannon Greer

Pledge of Allegiance: Stacy Bowles

Approval of Minutes: Brandon Russell motioned to approve the Minutes from the August 27, 2015 Board meeting as presented in the Board Packet. James Ure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Opportunity to Address the Board: Tiffany Schwager from FC St. George presented a proposal to restore the field in exchange for the opportunity to use it in the evenings for practice. Philip Ogden presented a proposal to build a greenhouse for GWA as an Eagle Project. Ruth Batt presented on the Southwest Symphony Orchestra Outreach for 4th Graders program.

Matt Hafen set the time for adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Teacher Representative Report: Rachelle Crawford presented the teacher representative report. She presented a letter from Kathy Whiteside regarding the low turnout at Parent Education Night. She presented other ideas that could be used to make it better.

Administration Report: Anya Yeager, Executive Director, presented the enrollment and employee hours reports. Enrollment is at 1,017 and overtime is at 4 hours. Mrs. Yeager presented the GWA SAGE scores. GWA received an “A” Grade. GWA is excelling in each of the subjects tested by

SAGE both compared to the Washington County School District and the state. Mrs. Yeager reported that all of the reports due in September have been completed.

Financial Report: Thayne Smith reported on the Financial Summary as of August 31, 2015 and the Financial Detail Report as of August 31, 2015. He reported that the school's finances are in great condition. He reported that all reports due in September have been completed.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

Policies – Anya Yeager, Chair, reported that the committee has two policies in the packet to be voted on.

Compensation- Adam Lofgran, Chair, reported that the committee held a meeting but had nothing to present to the Board today.

Finance Committee – Brandon Russell reported that the committee met and he presented a discussion that the committee had regarding the policy dealing with petty cash.

Benefits – Glenda Raschke, Chair, presented the committee report.

Continuation – Shannon Greer, Chair, had nothing to report.

Curriculum – Jennifer McCorvey, Chair, presented the committee report.

Charitable Giving / Outreach – Stacy Bowles, Chair, reported that they will be holding their first meeting soon.

Technology - Steve Erickson, Chair, reported that the committee met this month and provided a report on the committee meeting.

LAND Trust – Shannon Greer reported that the LAND Trust committee met and allocated some money for curriculum.

PTO Committee – James Ure, Chair, reported that they met and the shades for the playground are here, the Carnival is coming up, they are hiring a police officer to be present, they are looking for licensed food vendors, they had a discussion about a grant for the sprinklers, and they made \$400 on denim day.

Board Development – Shannon Greer, Chair, reported that the Board had a great training on Tuesday and another training will be held in January.

Board Recruitment – Nothing to report.

Campus Management – Steve Erickson, Chair, reported that the committee met on September 8 and they worked on updating the two new members of the committee. The school had its first lock-down drill for the school year, and the officer that came in was impressed with the efficiency of the drill. The kitchen is scheduled to be done on October 9.

Additional Discussion and/or Action Items:

Shannon Greer presented the UAPCS membership dues of \$6,090. Brandon Russell motioned to accept the membership dues invoice for \$6,090. James Ure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

School LAND Trust Funds - Steve Erickson presented a proposal for expenditures of Land Trust Funds as follows. The Board discussed whether or not the Board is required to vote on these items. Brandon Russell motioned to approve the expenditures set forth below. Adam Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Epson Short Throw Projectors (4 Count @ \$1,675 each) - \$6,700
- Chromebook Ergotron Charging Carts (3 Count @ \$1,116 each) - \$3,348

Anya Yeager presented a proposal for changes to the Independent Contractor Form. The amount of insurance required will be \$1 million, current background checks will be required prior to beginning work, and contractors who work directly with students and have unsupervised access will require a

higher level of background check. Matt Hafen motioned to approve the revisions to the Independent Contractor Agreement as presented in the Board Packet. James Ure seconded the motion. The Board discussed revising Section 7 to provide that no one who has unsupervised access to students will work with students without a current background check. James Ure motioned to amend the current motion to alter paragraph 7 to state: "Contractor shall submit to and pay for a current criminal background check and provide the results of the same to GWA. Contractors who work directly with students and/or who may have unsupervised access to children may be subject to a higher level background check, and must provide the results of the same to GWA prior to beginning work." Adam Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Brandon Russell motioned to approve the Accommodations for Nursing Mothers Policy as presented in the Board Packet. James Ure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No closed session was held at the meeting.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on October 22, 2015.

Matt Hafen motioned to adjourn. James Ure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Secretary